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SAVINGS ON VOTE FOR GAOL FOOD.

CLOSE QUESTIONING OF GOVERNMENT.

PRACTICE OF UNDUE ECONOMY IS CATEGORICALLY DENIED.

COMMITTEE GENEROUS.

WITH convicts at Victoria Gaol still defiant and refusing to work in protest against alleged shortage of food, the appearance of five supplementary votes, totalling \$11,900, to be met by savings under the heading "Prisoners' Subsistence," in the list submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this morning, naturally evoked close questioning by Unofficial Members.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton plied the acting Colonial Secretary, who presided, with numerous questions. He was informed that the total sum authorised for Prisoners' Subsistence in 1930 was \$100,000, the same as for 1929.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax admitted numerous complaints and that a committee of enquiry had made certain recommendations. The Government was in some doubt whether the suggested dietary scale was not too generous, certain improvements had been made, and further consideration was being given to the wider recommendations. Regarding the savings Mr. Hallifax insisted that there was a surplus, but that there had been no undue economy.

Asked whether the Government were satisfied with the administration of the Gaol, the Colonial Secretary replied: As far as I am aware. It is extremely difficult to say.

TEN PER CENT. CUT APPROVED.

Item No. 161, Prisoners' Department, fuel \$3,500.

Hon. Mr. Shenton: I have a number of questions to ask on this item. Are you aware that there are no less than five items in today's votes which are to be found out of the Subsistence of Prisoners? They are 161, 162, 163, 184 and 185. I should like to ask what is meant by "Subsistence of Prisoners?"

The Chairman:—The exact details, so far as subsistence of prisoners vote goes, I cannot answer without the Superintendent being here, but it means what it says.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Is it the food?

The Chairman:—Yes, food.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Is it a fact that the estimates for this year's subsistence have been reduced?

The Chairman:—For 1930 I think not, but can soon find out.

Notice Required.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Arising out of that, may I ask if the tender for last year was less than in the previous years?

The Chairman:—I think you ought to give notice of these detailed questions.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—I only received my copy of the votes on Saturday.

The Chairman:—The vote for subsistence is exactly the same as in 1929, \$100,000.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—But the tender was considerably less? Perhaps you will take a note of that. Can you give me any idea of the supervision of food at the gaol? I mean the general scheme of supervision of the food until it gets to the cells?

Special Wardens Employed.

The Chairman:—It is very accurate. It is all examined when it comes from the contractor. It is weighed. The quality is examined I think by a doctor. It is under special wardens, who have to attend to the cleansing and cooking and it is weighed again before it is despatched to the prisoners.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Have any complaints been received in this respect from the gaol during the past year?

The Chairman:—Yes.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—May I ask what are the alleged causes of it?

Continuous Complaints.

The Chairman:—There have been continuous complaints especially in the latter part of the year in the matter of diets.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Have any steps been taken to investigate these complaints?

The Chairman:—Yes, a Committee was set up to go into the matter.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Have any steps been taken to deal with it?

The Chairman:—Yes, the committee made certain recommendations but the Government, in examining them, had some doubt as to whether they were in excess of the amounts and quantities necessary and proper for prison diet. In fact, that they were on too generous a scale altogether.

These particular recommendations require a good deal of further consideration, and the Government has made certain improvements pending further consideration of these wider recommendations.

Gaol Administration.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Have you taken any further steps?

The Chairman:—Yes, this food question is being examined as closely and strictly as possible, but no action has been taken beyond keeping a close watch on events in the gaol.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Is the Government satisfied with the present administration of the gaol?

The Chairman:—As far as I am aware, yes. It is extremely difficult to say.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—The Government is not contemplating any alterations in the administration of the gaol?

The Chairman:—Not so far as I am aware. There is a vacancy for the Second Superintendent which is in the process of being filled from Home.

New Gaol Question.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Are any steps being taken to provide a new gaol or gaois?

The Chairman:—The matter is, at present, in the last stages of preparation for work which we hope will begin early in the New Year, as soon as the site has been made.

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AVALANCHE OF QUESTIONS ON FINANCE VOTES.

STERLING SALARY SCHEME.

SECRETARY OF STATE AND CURRENCY ISSUE.

RADIO SERVICES.

It was announced at to-day's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council that communications are passing between the Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the findings of the local Currency Commission, and that no final decision has been reached.

It was also stated that the Secretary of State has not yet approved the scheme whereby Civil Servants on sterling salaries would be paid half their salaries at 1/6 and half at the current rate of exchange.

The Committee were considering supplementary votes totalling \$564,759, all of which were approved.

Currency Report.

Item 183, Pensions \$139,000.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall:—May I ask whether you can say when an answer is expected from the Secretary of State to the Governor's despatch and report of the Currency Committee?

The Chairman:—We are in communication now but when we shall get a final answer it is impossible to say.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall:—That has gone Home some months ago?

The Chairman:—Yes.

The vote was approved.

Sterling Salary Rates.

Item 174, All Services and Departments, Personal Emoluments \$262,900.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall:—During the debate on the Budget, His Excellency said that he had under consideration a proposal to pay sterling salaries, half at 1/6 and half at the current rate. Has that been put into effect yet?

The Chairman:—His Excellency said he was going to communicate with the Secretary of State and was prepared to approve, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, such a scheme. That has been referred to him, but no definite answer has been received yet.

In any case it was from January 1, next year.

Hon. Mr. Shenton:—Then for this year it is at the rate for the day?

The Chairman:—Yes.

Radio Department.

Item 158, Public Works Department, radio telegraph branch, repairs stores and current, \$2,000.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall:—I do not suppose, Sir, you can give us off the actual expenditure and revenue of this branch for 1930?

The Chairman:—Not yet.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall:—If you cannot, can you furnish us with a statement giving these particulars at the next meeting of the Finance Committee?

The Chairman:—I do not think we can give the full particulars, but we can give them as far as they are made up. Revenue is increasing rapidly.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall:—I think the public will be interested to know how the income compares with the expenditure.

The Chairman:—I think I can give you some figures later.

Hon. Mr. Paterson:—I believe it to be a very favourable comparison as a matter of fact.

The Chairman:—I think so.

The vote was approved.

Language Study Allowances.

Item 163, Miscellaneous Services, Language Study Allowances \$1,950.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—Will you be so kind as to state what are the grades of officers receiving language allowances?

The Chairman:—European Police Officers, Sanitary Inspectors, Fire Brigade Officers, Supreme Court Bailiffs, Land Bailiffs, Inspectors of Juvenile Labour, Revenue Officers, Boarding Officers, Chief Junk Inspector and Subordinate European Officers.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—So that practically every grade of officer receives an allowance for the Chinese language.

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JAIL STRIKE COMMUNIQUE.

OUTSIDE INFLUENCES BLAMED.

OFFICIAL ACTION.

The following official communique has been issued regarding the general strike at Victoria Gaol:

There is no doubt that outside influences have been at work in causing the present unrest in the gaol. It is an obvious mark for the agitators who have recently made their presence felt in many parts of China and the Far East and communication with the prisoners is not a very difficult matter if only through the medium of the short sentence men.

The complaint upon which the agitation has centred is the diet. As a prison diet it has stood the test of some 25 years but in view of complaints the Government recently appointed a Committee to reconsider the whole question and a report has been received. The recommendations have been considered by the Executive Council but have been referred back to the Committee on certain points.

Meanwhile pending this further investigation Government has authorized certain increases and improvements in the diets.

Information appears to have reached the prisoners that recommendations had been made which had not been fully accepted, and

Success in diplomacy, he declared, was only possible with peace and order within the country.

Dr. Wang recalled that the completion of treaties with eleven countries in 1928 nominally gave China tariff autonomy, but that this only became an actuality this year with the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese Tariff Agreement reached in May last and the exchange of the Chinese and Dutch ratifications last month.

British Concessions.

The British Concession at Chinkiang was returned in November last year and an exchange of notes in reference to the rendition of the British Concession of Amoy was effected in September last, while Weihaiwei was formally restored to China on October 1.

A Treaty regarding the return of the Belgian Concession at Tientsin had been ratified and the Concession would be returnable upon an exchange of ratifications.

China had requested the rendition of the French and Japanese Concessions at Hankow, as well as of the Lensed Territory of Kwangchowwan from France.

Extraterritoriality.

Regarding extraterritoriality, Dr. Wang said that the end of the year finds the nationals of nine treaty Powers amenable to Chinese jurisdiction, including Austria, Germany, Russia, Mexico, Persia, Greece, Finland, Bolivia and Czechoslovakia, while upon the conclusions of the Sino-Polish Treaty, the Poles would bring this number to ten.

In the case of Sweden, Japan and Peru, said Dr. Wang, negotiations were proceeding for the conclusion of new treaties to replace the time-expired ones.

Negotiations for the abolition of British and American extraterritorial rights were proceeding, and Dr. Wang said he was confident that definite decisions on the entire subject of extraterritoriality would be reached by next Spring.

The agreement with reference to the Shanghai Provisional Court was a temporary arrangement, pending the abolition of extraterritoriality.

Equal Treaties.

Five treaties negotiated on the basis of equality had, said Dr. Wang, been consummated, namely, the Sino-Japanese Tariff Treaty, the disposition of the British Boxer Indemnity, the Treaty of Amity and Commerce with Czechoslovakia, the Treaty of Amity with Greece, and the Tariff Treaty with Holland, while those signed and awaiting ratification were the Treaty of Arbitration with the United States, the Convention with France regarding Indo-China, and the Treaty of Amity with Poland.

In addition, China was on the point of signing treaties with Cuba, Peru, Turkey and Nicaragua, and was negotiating others with Persia, Japan, Chile, Argentina and Panama, while the following States had expressed a desire to negotiate treaties with China:—San Domingo, Rumania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Siam and the Union of South Africa.

Minimum Wages.

China had become a party to four universal treaties which had now been ratified namely the Minimum Wage Convention and the Postal Convention which had been revised, the Protocol of the Permanent Court of International Arbitration, and

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CHINA'S SUCCESS IN DIPLOMACY.

LENGTHY REVIEW BY DR. WANG.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO BRITISH FRIENDSHIP.

PEACE AND ORDER.

Nanking, Dec. 22.

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China's Share in World Peace.

MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON ON THE FUTURE.

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This, he declared, was a most hopeful prospect, and should mean, in the measurable future, that the Western Powers might be able to agree on all outstanding questions with the Chinese nation and enable them to settle down to joint co-operation for their common good.—*Reuter.*

This information has been made the excuse for causing trouble. It should be stated that the prisoners are by no means unanimous in their opposition to the authorities.

The Government propose in accordance with the regulations to put some of the ringleaders before the Peace and Chinese Justices of the Peace who will advise the Superintendent of Prisons on the disciplinary action to be taken.

The position is well in hand, and no cause for apprehension exists.

It has been realized for some time past that the existing Gaol is inadequate and unsuitable. Plans for a new building out of the City are now completed and it is hoped to make a beginning with the work during the coming year. The new Female Prison, for which funds were recently voted, has actually been commenced at Lal Chi Kok.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER ON WAY HOME.

ARRIVES AT CAIRO FROM ABEYSSINIA.

London, Dec. 21.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, who is returning home from his visit to Abyssinia, where, at the coronation of Ras Tafari, Emperor of Ethiopia, he represented King George, arrived at Cairo to-day by road from Suaz.

He left later for Port Said, to join a liner for England.—*British Wireless.*

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economic geography? Such is the
question being debated in London
in consequence of the bid the air
route is expected to make for the
contract to transport gold from the
Rand mines.

It is argued that the air route
can offer a big advantage through
the quicker journey by saving the
interest charge on gold in transit.

Arising from this idea is the sug-
gestion that Cairo will become the
world's centre for gold distribution
and thus oust the Bank of England
from the world's predominance.

London bullion brokers are for
the present sceptical. One of them

in an interview to-night remarked
sardoniously, "It is very much in the
air." He added that "dealing in
gold is a very skillful job. Where
is there a refinery in Cairo and
where are the Rothschilds and the
Bank?"

A Warning Heeded.

Sir Charles Addis's warning re-
garding the world's gold hunger, in
which he pointed out that the
world's credit structure is threat-
ened with complete collapse unless
the central banks devise in concert
a means of restoring its stability,
and that the locking up of nearly
three-fourths of the world's gold
in the United States and France
seriously menaced the world's
credit structure, has focused at-
tention on several new sources of
supply, the existence of which has
been reported during the past few
days. It is worthy of note that at
a meeting of the Panama Corpora-
tion the Chairman stated: "We
hope to take a long step towards
assisting in fulfilling the pressing
world's requirements."

It is also reported that crowds
of American unemployed have
flocked to Nevada, where they are
establishing a mushroom town
called "Scotti Camp," lured by
unauthenticated stories of a gold
strike.

Another stampede is foreshadow-
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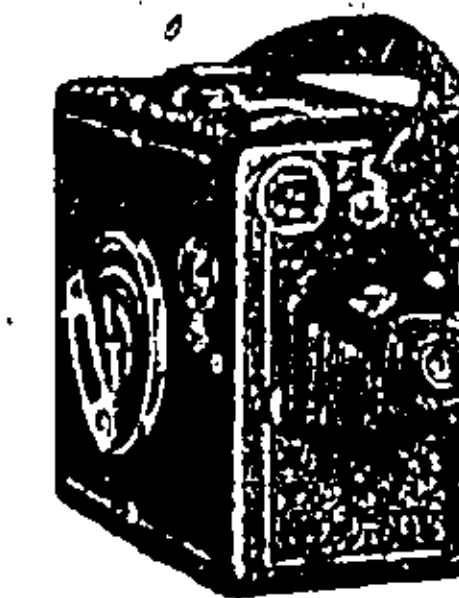
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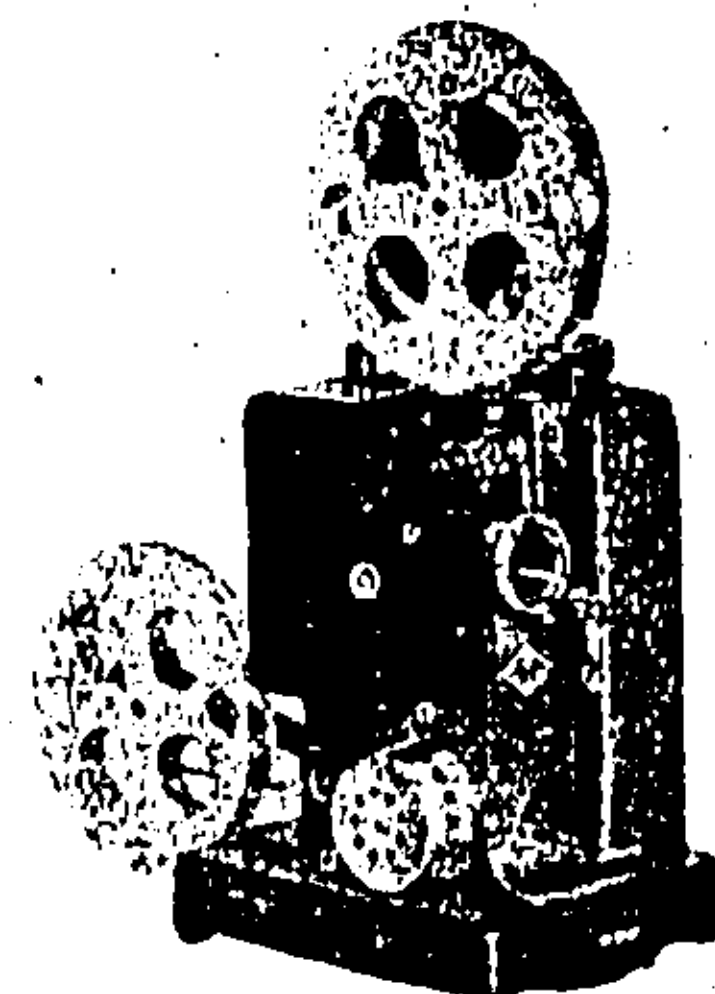
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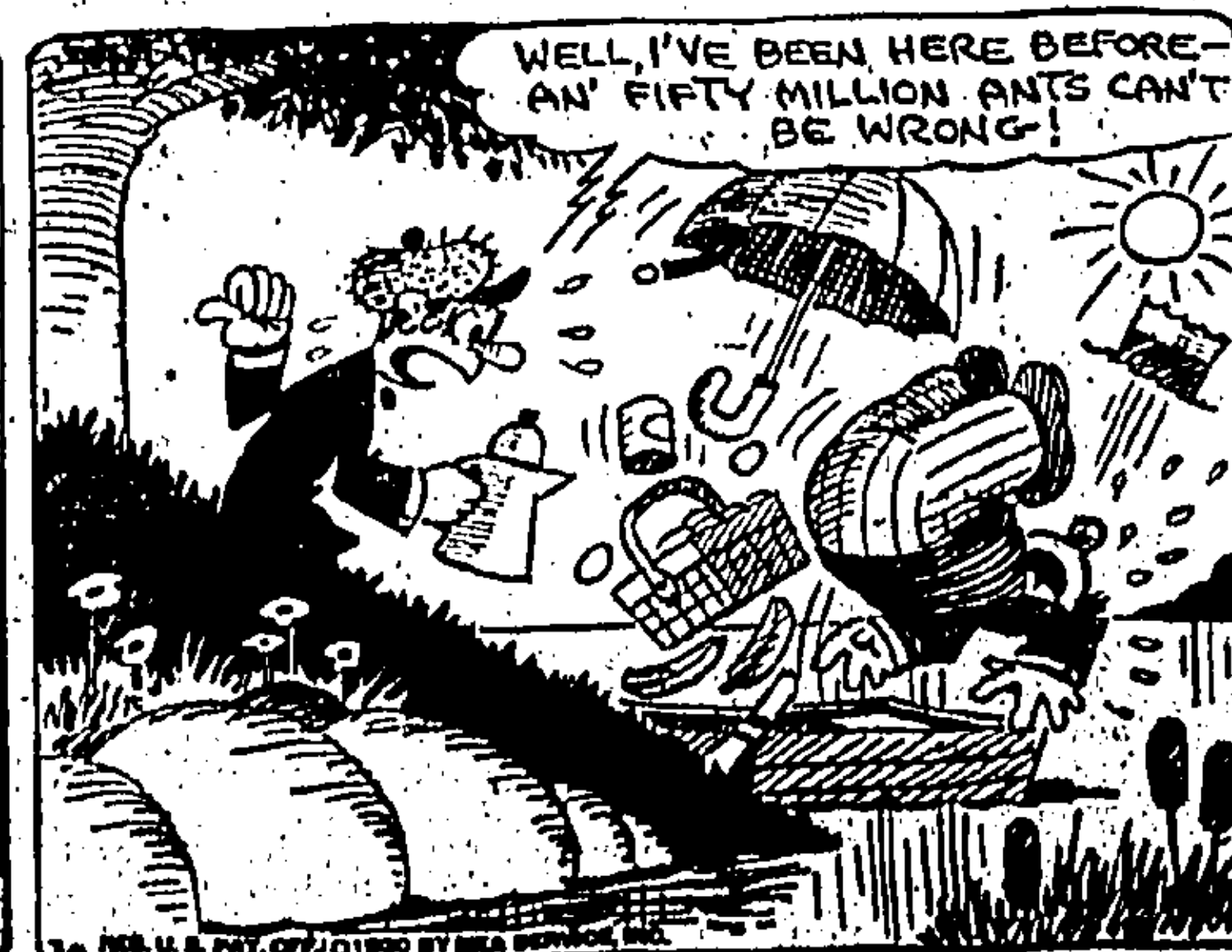
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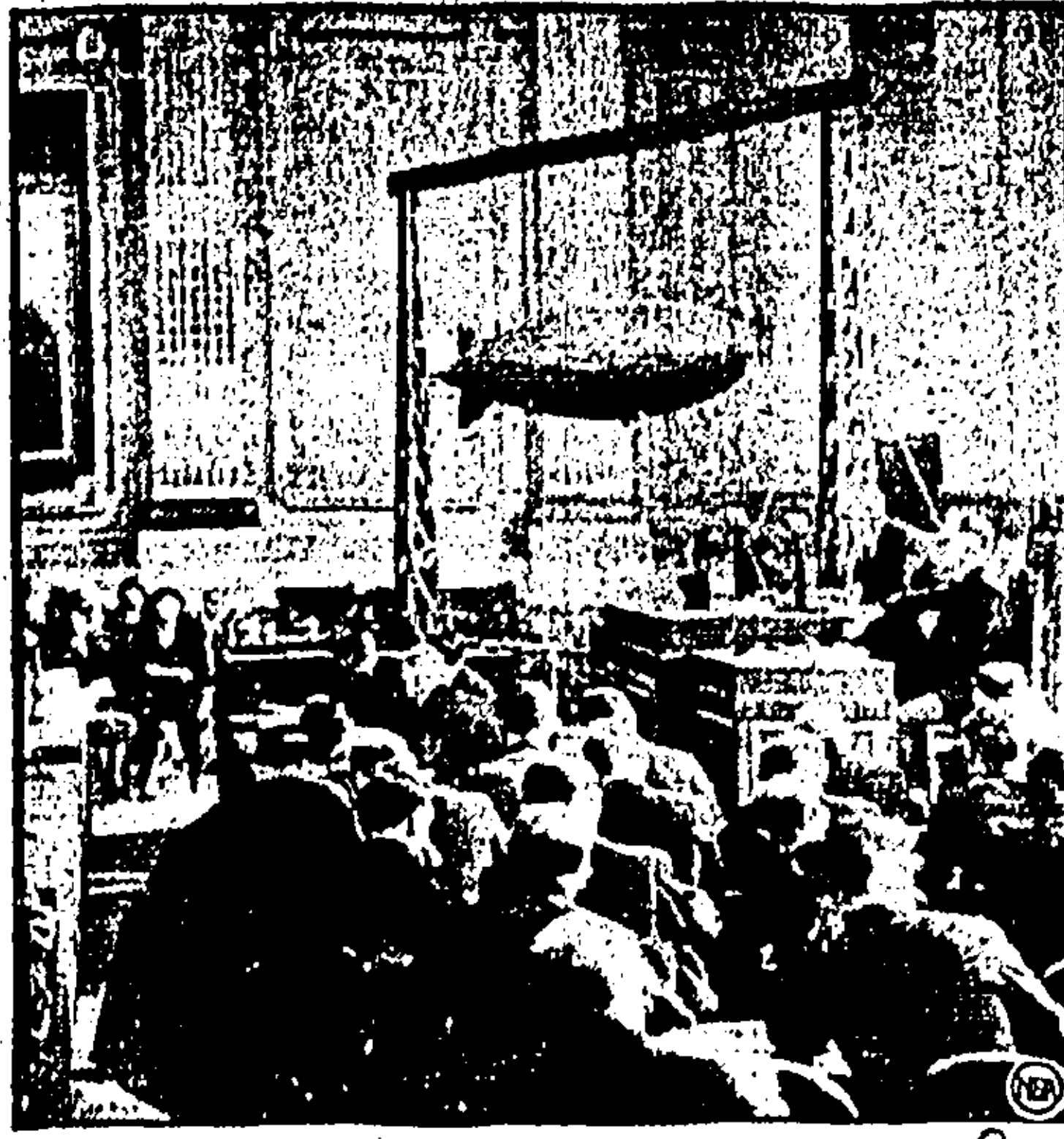


By Small





Another picture taken at the wedding of King Boris of Bulgaria and Princess Giovanna of Italy. This was taken after the simple ceremony at Assisi.



A general view of the proceedings showing the model of the R. 101 which was examined by the Court and experts at the inquiry into the disaster.



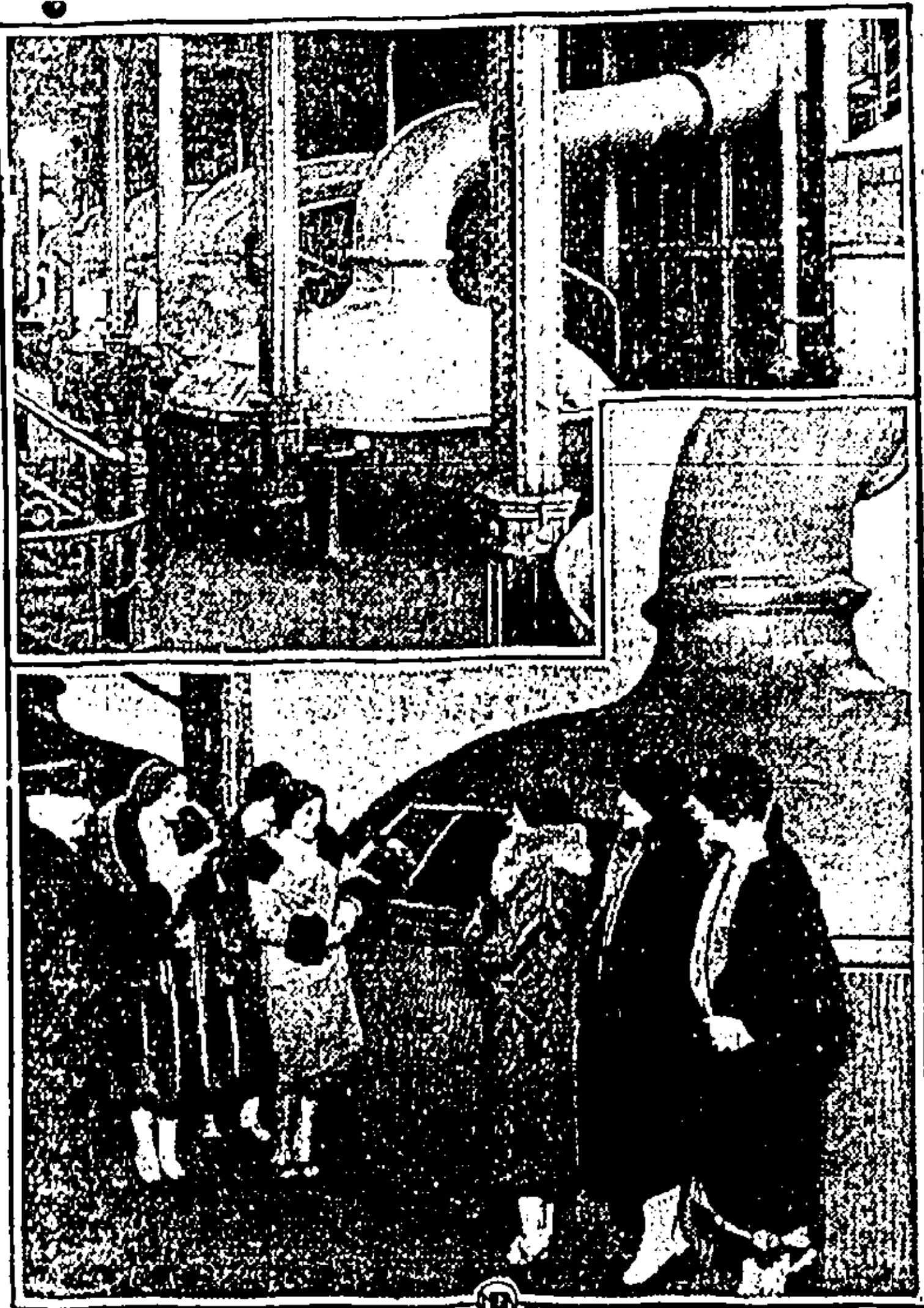
Mr. George W. Wickersham, chairman of President Hoover's Law Enforcement Commission. It is rumoured that he will recommend the issue of licences for the sale of light beers.



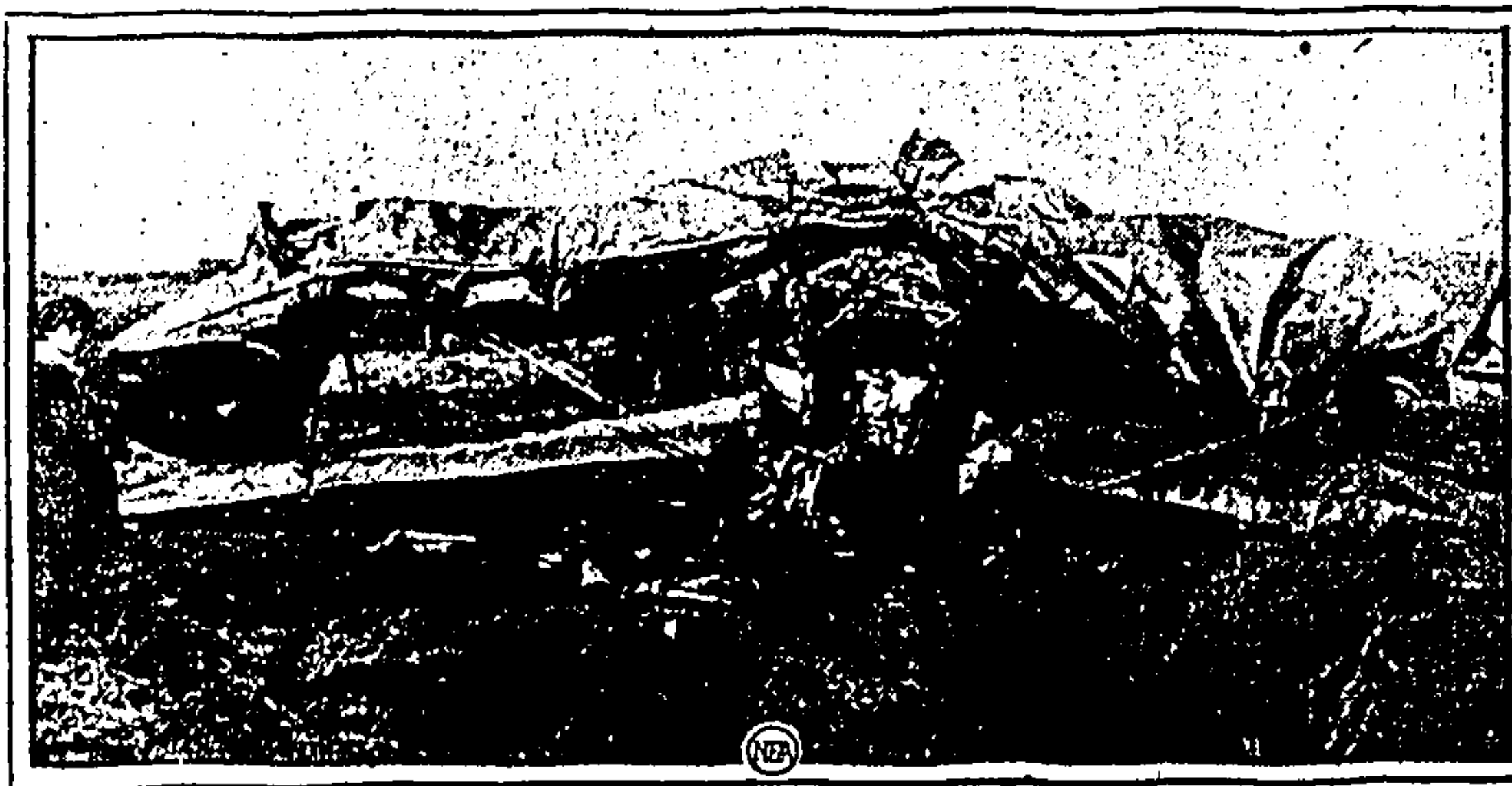
Winner of \$67,000 in the Cambridgeshire Sweep, Mr. Herbert Pries, of Cleveland.



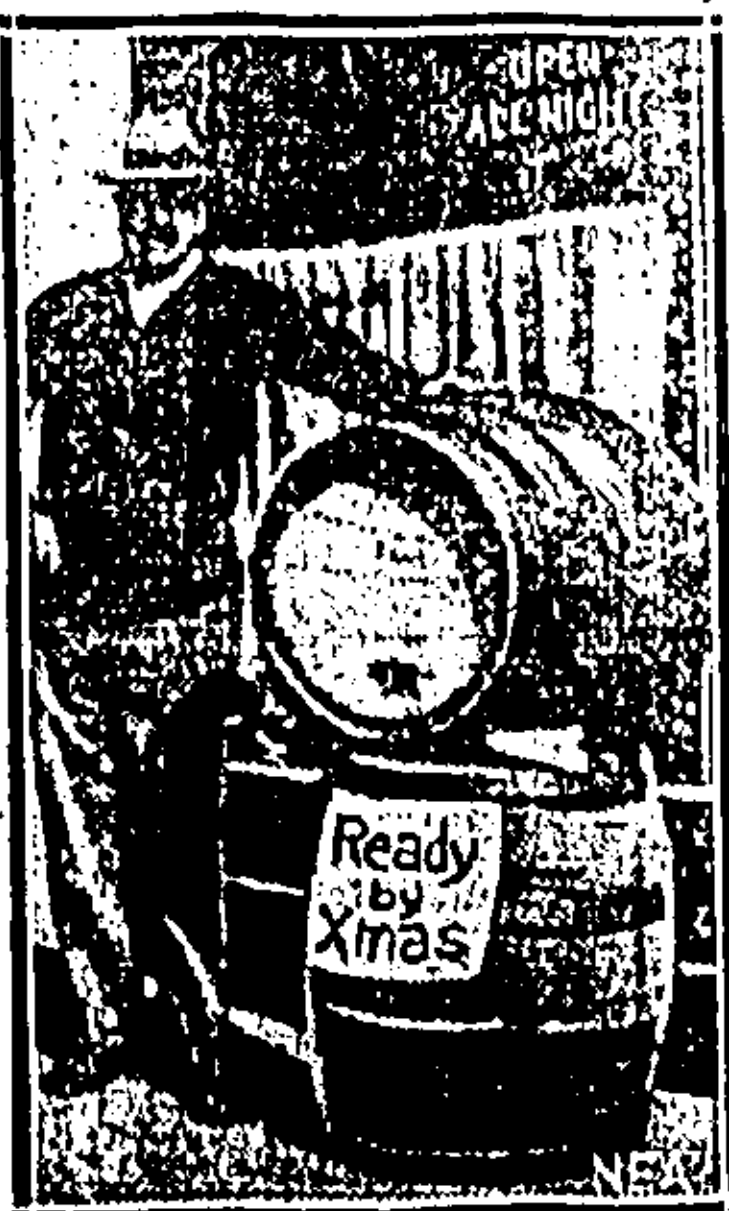
Photos taken at Pimlico Racecourse, Md. where extreme cold did not prevent an enormous attendance for the opening meeting. Lower picture shows McCarthy More beating Hoo Cake in the Towson Steeplechase.



Many firms in America are preparing to make beer following upon the Wickersham Report rumours. Our picture shows giant kettles ready for operation at Milwaukee, being inspected by visitors.



The wreck of the plane in which Major Philip Watson, of the U. S. Air Corps, and a flying student were killed. Major Watson was a noted aviator.



A Cincinnati restaurant proprietor ready for light beer emergencies.



Photo taken at a dinner given at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, in honour of M. E. Koechlin, French Consul-General by representatives of the Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Gifts of practical purpose



Almost everything we stock would come legitimately under the heading of "really useful gifts". They are made more desirable for presenting by the addition, *quite free*, of an attractive case, and —of course—if a gift is not absolutely right in every way, we shall be delighted to change it afterwards.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1930.

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REMINDER.

Shareholders are reminded that Wednesday next, 24th December, is the last date on which application and payment can be made for shares of the New Issue.

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J. S. GREENHILL,
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Offer of New Shares.

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J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong 16th December, 1930.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY LTD.

(In voluntary liquidation).

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency Limited (in voluntary liquidation) will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Limited at Queen's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1930, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon at which Meeting the Liquidators will lay before the Meeting an account of their acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up during the year following the confirmation of the Resolution for the winding up of the Company.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1930.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	1435	Lot 1435, Shamshui.	As per sale plan.	About 4,567	\$10	\$6,550

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
2	2223	Lot 2223, Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.	About 2,170	\$4	\$4,320

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
3	1435	Lot 1435, Shamshui.	As per sale plan.	About 19,655	\$122	\$39,780

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Queen's Buildings Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong at 11 o'clock in the forenoon on Monday, the 8th day of December, 1930 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:—

(a) By the insertion immediately after Article 43 of the following new Article, namely,

43 (A) The Company may by ordinary resolution cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of such resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

(b) By the insertion immediately after Article 102 of the following new Articles, namely,

102a. The Company may at any time and from time to time in general meeting by resolution authorize the General Managers to capitalize any profits of the Company not required for the time being for payment of dividend upon any preference shares of the Company or other shares issued upon any special conditions, whether standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund or otherwise, and including profits arising from the appreciation in value of capital assets, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company in respect of the net amount capitalized fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal amount, and the General Managers shall give effect to any such resolution accordingly, and any shares allotted pursuant to any such resolution shall be distributed among the members holding shares of the Company so far as practicable in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively, and shall be credited as fully paid by means of the profits so capitalized and the General Managers may make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by the payment of cash or by sale and distribution of the proceeds or otherwise as they may think expedient for the case of fractions. The General Managers may appoint any person on behalf of the members to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up, and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

102b. The General Managers may, with the sanction of the Company in General Meeting, declare a dividend to be paid to the members according to their rights and interests in the profits, and may fix the time for payment and may with the like sanction declare and pay a dividend or bonus out of any reserve fund and fix the time for payment thereof and may with the like sanction declare and pay bonuses to the Company's employees or any of them.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1930 for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1930 at 11.5 o'clock in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as the above meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Company do hereby cancel all shares (namely, 22277 shares numbered 27724 to 50000) which at the date hereof have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and do hereby diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

Lammert's Auctions.

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2. That the Capital of the Company be increased from its diminished capital of \$194,061.00 Hongkong Currency divided into 27,723 shares of \$7.00 each to \$500,010 Hongkong Currency divided into 71,430 shares of \$7.00 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company.

3. That the General Managers be and they are hereby authorised to capitalize the sum of \$77,630 profits of the Company's Reserve Funds and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of January 1931 in respect of the net amount capitalized fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of two shares for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of January, 1931.

4. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share the General Managers shall in lieu of issuing fractional certificates cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the General Managers and such share may at such time as the General Managers think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share.

5. That the General Managers be and they are hereby authorised out of the profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds to pay to the members holding the 27,723 existing shares of the Company as on the 1st day of January, 1931 a sum equal to \$6.00 for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively by way of a bonus dividend out of the profits of the Company.

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RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Christmas and New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

It is notified for information that local currency rates for Radio-telegrams will be increased with effect from to-day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Date
Manila	December 22.
Manila	December 22.
Salmon	December 23.
Straits	December 23.
Shanghai and Swatow	December 23.
Japan and Shanghai	December 23.
Java	December 23.
Batavia	December 24.
Sandakan	December 24.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Nov. 20)	December 24.
Europe via Negapatnam, letters only, (London 27th November)	December 25.
Shanghai and Foochow	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	December 26.
Straits	December 27.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 28th Nov.)	December 27.
Japan	December 28.
Java	December 29.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 5th Dec.)	December 29.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 6th Dec.)	December 29.
Australia and Manila	January 3, 1931.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and when mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time
Japan, "Canada, U.S.A., "Central and "South America and "Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Grant Mon., Dec. 22, 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.15 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 9th Jan., 1931.)
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant Mon., Dec. 22, 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.15 p.m. (Due Marseilles 23rd Jan., 1931.)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changto Tues., Dec. 23, 5 p.m. Registration Dec. 23, 5 p.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 3rd Jan., 1931.)
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee Wed., Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wanchow	Chong On Mon., Dec. 22, 4 p.m.
Manila and Surabaya	Tjibadak Tues., Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin Tues., Dec. 23, 12.30 p.m.
Saigon, "Straits, "Ceylon, "India, "Mauritius, "East and "South Africa, Aden, "Egypt and "Europe via Marseilles	Angers Tues., Dec. 23, 1 p.m. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.15 a.m. Letters 2 p.m. (Due Marseilles 23rd Jan., 1931.)
Straits, "Ceylon, "India, "Mauritius, "East and "South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Aeneas Tues., Dec. 23, 1 p.m. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.15 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 22nd Jan., 1931.)
Shanghai and "Japan and "Europe via Siberia	General Metzinger Tues., Dec. 23, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Tues., Dec. 23, 2.00 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Greiner Tues., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Borneo Wed., Dec. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tsinan Wed., Dec. 24, 3.50 p.m.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	Hongkong Bank, \$1,762½ b.
Chartered Bank, \$18¼ n.	Mercantile A. & B., \$27 n.
East Asia \$115 b.	Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$1,230 n.	Union Ins., \$525 n.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.	China Underwriters, \$5.10 a.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.	China Firms, \$460 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1215 n.	Shipping.
Douglases, \$28¼ a.	H. K. Steamboats, \$30.40
Indo-China, (Def.) \$24 n.	Union Waterboats, \$39 n.
Mining.	Benguet, \$11.10 n.
Kailash, \$1/3 n.	"Shai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.
Roubs, \$33 b.	Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$172 n.	Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
China Providents, \$5.30 a. (old).	Hongkew, Tls. 284 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.10 n.	Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.
Cottons.	Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$11.80 a.
"Shai Cottons, Tls. 79½ (old) n.	Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.50 b.	H. K. Lands, \$84 a. (old).
do \$83 a.	"Shai Lands Tls. 322 b.
Humphreys, \$17.25 n.	Rentals, \$9.50 n.
Public Utilities.	Tramways, \$18 b.
Pink Trams, (old) \$14¼ n.	Star Ferries \$94¼ n.
China Lights, (old) \$25.50 b.	H. K. Electric, \$82¼ a.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.	Telephones \$86½ n.
China Buses, Tls. 19.60 n.	

Singapore Tractions, 7/6 a.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord. Tls. 10.75 n.
Canton Ties, \$5.50 a.
Cementa (Comb) \$17.80 b.
Ropes, \$11.45 a.
United Asbestos \$5 n.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$27.25 n.
Watsons, \$12.75 a.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.70 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sincere, \$11.60 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$4 n.
Constructions, \$23 b.
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H.K.G. Loan 6% Prem.



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MARRIAGE.

The marriage took place quietly on the 22nd December, 1930, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon of John, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harcourt of Preston and Eileen Doris younger daughter of Mrs. M. Garrod and the late Mr. H. G. Garrod of Hongkong.

BIRTH.

SPARY. On Sunday, 21st December, 1930, at residence to Mr. and Mrs. A. Spary, a daughter, Maribel.

DEATH.

BROCK. On Sunday, at Naval Hospital, Mr. A. J. J. Brock, Age 51. funeral will be this afternoon.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, DEC. 22, 1930.

GOLD AND PRICE LEVELS.

The influence of gold on economic conditions has been a prominent subject of discussion since Sir William Ashley directed attention to it as far back as 1913. Recently, in a memorandum which he contributed to *The Economist*, Sir Henry Strakosch laid stress on the enhancement of over thirty per cent. in the value of gold during the past five years, an abnormal and important phenomenon which has undoubtedly had a large share in causing the present industrial depression and unemployment. It has been pointed out, in this connection, that if free competition ruled both in prices and wages, slow changes in the value of gold would not greatly matter, but in these days of stubborn resistance to reductions in money wages, this 32 per cent. appreciation in the value of gold has been equivalent to a considerable increase in real wages. High wages, of course, are to be welcomed if they are accompanied by an equivalent high efficiency, but no industry can hold its own if the labour costs of its products are too high for it to compete successfully.

It has been suggested that an immediate reduction in wages, so far as Britain is concerned, combined with a determination on the part of the workers to increase their efficiency, would provide the means for a rapid revival of prosperity. But, in commenting on this matter, Professor C. V. Drysdale, says that any attempt at reducing money wages at the present time, would almost certainly land us in another series of

disastrous strikes. The simple solution would, he thinks, apparently lie in restoring the value of gold by degrees to somewhere near the 1925 level, but this would involve elaborate international financial negotiations, with their inevitable delays. The same result could, however, be achieved by abandoning the gold standard, and by regulating currency so that it has a definite relation to the most important needs of existence. This latter proposal was brought to notice by the late Professor Knut Wicksell in 1921, when he made a tour of several European countries by authority of the Swedish Government in order to propound it to their financial experts, but met with little encouragement. His proposal was to make use of the index numbers of the cost of living as a basis for a currency which should keep that number constant, which would presumably be effected by periodically redefining the value of the pound note in terms of gold whenever the index number began to show a material change. Apart from the present problem, Professor Drysdale thinks there can be no doubt that this device would be of immense value in clarifying economic discussions. If the pound note became simply a token for a certain amount of the primary needs of life, the distinction between money wages and real wages would vanish, and the standard of life of the people would then be represented by their money wages, eliminating the confusion introduced by variations in the cost of living. It would also relegate money to its proper place in economic discussions as a means of exchange and measure of wealth, instead of being regarded, as it almost always subconsciously is, as being the only true wealth. Such discussions would then be reduced to their essential basis of the exchange of goods and services, without the confusing intervention of money, which is certainly "the root of all evil" in economic discussions, however essential it is as a means of exchange.

Very few people can keep clear minds when the dual ratio, wages-money and money-commodities crops up at every turn; and the sacrosanct idea of money has always been the bane of fiscal discussions. There should be no fear of repeating with the currency in the past, if the index numbers are properly kept, says the authority. An international gold currency would appear to be desirable for international trade, in which all national currencies would be quoted, and this currency might be available for, and be a great convenience to travellers. Important as this or some similar device certainly is at the present juncture, as a means for giving an initial stimulus for the revival of industry, it must not for a moment be supposed, says Professor Drysdale, that currency questions are normally of great fundamental importance. The essential conditions for improvement—zealous and efficient work, thrift, prudence in procreation, abolition of unemployment relief and Trade-Union restrictions, and hearty co-operation between "Capital" and "Labour" (preferably where possible by some form of profit sharing)—are as cogent as ever; but this simple scheme of currency reform would, he thinks, have an immediately useful effect in helping Britain out of a appalling emergency, and an ever greater ultimate beneficial effect in assisting the understanding of fundamental economic truths.

A Chinese was arrested at Shaokwan over the week-end on a charge of being in possession of seditious literature relating to Soviet Russia. He also had papers relating to the Talkoo Sugar Refinery. On his appearance before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning, the man was remanded for one week for the translation of all the documents.

DAY BY DAY

IT IS SURPRISING, IT IS OFTEN ASTOUNDING, TO DISCOVER NOW AND THEN WHAT POSSIBILITIES OF REHABILITATION THERE ARE IN THE MOST UNFORTUNATE OF US.—*Alfred Buchanan.*

The health return for yesterday shows one Chinese case of typhoid fever.

Mr. R. C. Wrigley arrived aboard the President Grant from Manila to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. *Karmala* from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles on 20th December at 8 a.m.

The "Empress of Japan" left Vancouver on the 20th December and is due here on the 9th January.

The Yumati School is holding its annual sports meeting at King's Park to-morrow afternoon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall is to distribute the prizes.

Passengers who arrived here to-day by the s.s. *Tatsuta Maru* included the Rev. E. K. Quick, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, and Mr. J. P. Bourne.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the s.s. *President Grant* to-day was Mr. J. Harde-man, the well-known manufacturer of hats bearing his name.

Mr. Tse Tsun-tai has sent copies of his publications, "The Bible and the Peking Man" and "Notes on the Peking Man" to the Biblioteca Apostolica at the Vatican.

The prize distribution of Wanchai Government School is to take place on Monday, 22nd inst., at 10 a.m. Mr. de Martin, the Director of Education, has consented to give away the awards.

The case against Wong Lai, charged with kidnapping a four-year old boy from No. 2, Reclamation Street, came up before Mr. Butters, at Kowloon this morning for judgment. Mr. Butters discharged the defendant.

A fine of \$25, or eight strokes of the cane each, was imposed by Mr. Butters, at Kowloon this morning, on three Chinese boys, Tsang Hon-keung, Mak Soi-chau and Kong Tan-shing, charged with the theft of six padlocks from houses under construction in Tai Nam Street on Saturday.

In prosecuting two men, charged separately, with unlawful possession of small quantities of prepared opium, Revenue Officer Grimmett, before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning, stated that both had had the contraband tied to them, one having the opium secured to his arms and the other to his legs. One man was fined \$600 while the other was fined \$400.

An employee of the Tramway Company appeared before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of larceny of a quantity of copper from the Company. The defendant was stated by Mr. V. Walker to have been employed for only three months. He had only just started to get access to the store and had not committed any theft before. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Views of a Vandal.

By the Man with the Hatchet.

SENSELESS SLIMMING.

WOMEN never know when to stop. I see that, not content with making themselves slim, they have declared war even on fat bacon and pork.

Pigs, it seems, will have also to put themselves on diet and become slim—a hitherto unheard of situation, which, according to the latest advice, has caused confusion and dismay in the best pig circles.

This feminine craze for dietation, and for interfering with other people's private affairs, has gone too far.

Until now pigs have lived their lives in their own way. They have become as fat as they could. The fatter they became the better were they pleased, and their owners were pleased also—not that the pigs ever troubled much about that.

But now everything is to be changed. Slimming having become the fashion among women, they ordain that slimmers shall change their every other feature of the landscape. There have begun with pigs. The probability is that they will turn to us men next.

So, if we are wise, we will put our fortresses betimes in a state of defence.

Even before this disaster descended upon them—this ruthless restriction of their diet so that in the end they might be lean as a stick, or at least as a pig. I had some sympathy with pigs. They were—and are—the submerged tenth of the animal world, children of the dead end, who have never had much of a chance. They would have been purveyors of beauty and hygiene, and fit to take their places in the most orderly drayage, had not a cruel fate persistently decreed otherwise.

So it is that pigs have been more and more thrown in upon themselves and given over to introspection—circumstances which, fortunately, they have not permitted to affect their appetites. But now descends this bombshell or thunderbolt. Woman, envious of those lusty porcine appetites, has ordered that they shall be restrained.

Further, each pig must do its daily physical jerks, or take equivalent exercise. And all in order that our lean women may have lean rashers for breakfast. Did ever female tyranny assert itself so shamelessly?

Now, the figure of the average man compares none too well with the figure of the average pig. We need not be surprised, therefore, if we are the next involuntary victims of this slimming madness. Soon we may be compelled to recognise in the humble pig a brother in misfortune.

Some of us are tall, some are short, and many of us fall into the category of nondescript mediums. But few of us have been able to preserve in our figures of Greek gods.

It may be the result of over-concentration on golf or other serious pursuits of life. Or it may be merely Nature's pleasant way of adding dignity and poise to our persons. Into these questions it is unnecessary to enter. It really does not matter whether we acquire a certain rotundity by personal predilection or by spher-

ical compulsion, or otherwise. The issue is whether we are to call our souls, or our girth plumes, our very own, or whether we are to surrender them at the command of the slimmers' fads.

No man ever does anything of much consequence in life until his waist measurement is, in relation to chest expansion, as 2 to 1.

It is immaterial how loudly our physical culturists may protest that epigastric amplitude is a sign of degeneration and obsolescence. The fact remains that all the most successful men exemplify this same generous fulfilment of the prime function of a waistcoat—genial expansiveness.

It must be more than mere coincidence. Thousands of prosperous company directors, to name no others, show that there is something in it.

Are we, then, to sacrifice all this? Are those of us who look upon our incipient waistfulness with hope, as an augury of more opulent days ahead, to turn over a leaf and become proselytes of the slimmers cult?

The answer is obviously in the negative; or, in other words, not if we know it. There are some things in life that may be cheerfully given up because they are not worth fighting to retain. But there are other things which we hold dearer than life itself, and which shall on no account be surrendered.

Our women, in their desire to see slimmers in all things, must find existence rather trying.

With what rebellious feelings they commit their correspondence (which they have probably forgotten to stamp) to one of our blantly obese postal pillar-boxes can be readily imagined. A movement for slimmer pillar-boxes will probably be one of the next things, but it will leave us cold, as will any demand for the placing of only lean policemen on point duty and shadowy sergeants in recruiting offices.

A man, being a free-born Briton, is entitled to develop his individuality, to bulk as largely in the panorama of life, as circumstances will permit, and to be a person of some substance and probity in the eyes of his fellows.

Now, probity seldom moves abroad in a slack waistcoat. It fits its owner like a glove. It admits of no inglorious side-flappings and no revelatory buckling amidships.

The waistcoat worth while, the waistcoat that may be with safety tapped and trusted, is the one which, like our latest dirigibles, shows 100 per cent. man-hour safety efficiency. I apologise for introducing these technicalities, which, however, are essential to the argument.

Reduce the cubic capacity of the waistcoats of the land, by diet or otherwise, and you strike at the roots of all the most estimable national virtues. You open the slide doors to graft, corruption, slander, and all manner of meanness.

Your lean man is always up to some mischief. His mind is a nursery of mischievous malice. Of his soul any caterpillar of average respectability would be ashamed. Of his waistcoat the less said the better.

This is the sort of person upon whom we are asked to conform our figures. Not in these trousers, nor yet in these waistcoats. The temper of the so-called gentle sex, never of the sweetest, have become perceptibly worse since they entered upon this slimming business. Woman has always had a strange fondness for martyrdom, for sacrificing herself in the name of some cause not worth mentioning. And as soon as things become slack in the martyrdom line, she must immolate herself on the altar of fashion.

What is the gain from this slimmers' anyway? "Good," said Sir Mortimer Buckelbracket, slapping his chest, "I like 'em plump," and so, I believe, it still is with man to-day.

There is no sense in being slim. Neither from an ethical nor from a physical point of view is it a desirable state of affairs. Plumpness comes nearer perfection.

In that direction too, it is possible to err, as certain walking Schemhallons attest. But between mountains and wireless masts there is a world of happy medium, and that is what I commend most earnestly to our ravenous and canorous young women, whom Nature generously adorned with freckled curves, but who, with disastrous results, have been substituting straight lines.

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RECREIO'S SUCCESS.

[By "Wanderer"]

The Police brought off one of the outstanding performances of the season on Saturday when they defeated the Royal Navy in a hotly contested game. The result was rather against the run of the play, but the Police defence deserved every credit for a splendid exhibition.

Kowloon also did well up to a point. With twenty minutes remaining for play they found themselves three goals down. They forced a draw of three goals in a brilliant finish, compensating for a spell of extremely bad luck.

South China and Chinese Athletic won easily as expected, while the Club de Recreio did well to defeat the Argyls. The return of A. Gosano to the forward line was the deciding factor.

Kirkby, the Navy Reserves centre-forward netted seven of nine goals scored the Recreio Reserves. The other second division results panned out according to expectations. Kowloon Reserves played the Borderers Reserves in a friendly—it having been discovered at the last minute that the league match had been brought forward while the Somerset were still here—and won 5-2.

The third division matches were full of upsets, the only result following form being the victory of the Royal Engineers over the Athletic. The R.A.F. accounted for South China, and the R.A.S.C. obtained their first victory at the expense of the well-placed Ewo team.

League results are appended:—

Senior Division.		
Royal Navy	0	Police
Kowloon	3	S. W. Borderers
R. Artillery	1	Athletic
South China	5	St. Joseph's
Argyls	2	Recreio
Second Division.		
Eastern	0	University
R.A.F. Res.	1	Club Res.
Navy Res.	9	Recreio Res.
Athletic	2	Argyls
South China	0	St. Joseph's
Third Division.		
Fukien	0	S. W. Borderers
R.A.F.	6	South China
R.A.S.C.	0	Evo
R. Engineers	2	Athletic

UPSET FOR NAVY.

Snap Goal By Police The Only Score.

The Police obtained a snap goal in the first half and held on to their lead grimly to the end, being somewhat fortunate to obtain both points, while deserving their win if only for magnificent defensive work which kept a normally smart Navy line in comparative subjection. The Navy played well enough without achieving anything like their best form. In the first place they appeared to take things too much for granted and later when they found themselves up against it and when steadiness was most needed, reckless passing and shooting simplified the task of the Police defence.

Britain gave a vastly improved exhibition at left back, imparting to the defence an appearance of real solidity, while Oram has seldom given a better display, Redgate being given few opportunities. With Clark at his best also, the Navy were tackling a stiff proposition, and the match was already lost before they realised it.

It was a hot drive by Brown—sheerly a speculator—that took Chucas by surprise and gave the Police the victory. Apart from this effort, their methods of attack did not hold much promise, though they pegged away against very steady opposition, and Pile and Cornwall both had had luck with good shots.

The real contest, however, was between the Navy attack and the Police halves and backs, and the latter came out of the encounter with the highest credit.

KOWLOON'S COMEBACK.

Borderers Run Off Their Feet Towards End.

It was against the run of the play when the Borderers obtained a three goal lead against Kowloon, and the fine come-back which enabled the home team to retrieve one of the points merely did justice. As a matter of fact, Kowloon put the ball into the net six times, including once for the Borderers. Two of the goals were disallowed for offside, but the referee would certainly have permitted one of them to stand had he been better placed.

Kowloon's direct methods and hard work inspired more confidence than the dainty close passing movements employed by the Borderers, whose play, clever in its way, was rather too stereotyped to be really impressive. Kowloon's long passing not only gave them more of the play but made them the more dangerous side, thanks chiefly to Gillett, whose terrier-like worrying led the backs into many errors.

To account for the fact that the Borderers obtained a lead of 3-0 is not difficult. The experiment of playing Bliss in goal in the absence of Kowloon's regular keeper was a costly failure and in the second half Bliss changed places with Pile and the earlier anxieties disappeared. After saving a certain goal from Davis a few minutes from the start, Hedley opened the scoring for the visitors. In trying to clear another shot by Davis which would have gone past the post, ten minutes later, after Gillett had scored a great goal—to be ruled offside—Bliss misjudged a centre by Duncan, missed his punch badly on running out and Channings breasted into an empty net for a second goal.

The second half was five minutes old when Harris made the tally three with a terrific first-time drive. Kowloon retaliated strongly and Morgan, fouling Cotton, dislocated his elbow, going off the field, but returning a few minutes later. From the free-kick, Grimlate headed past Johnson to initiate Kowloon's revival. The Borderers were badly rattled and thoroughly outplayed. Gillett flashed the ball into the net six minutes from the end, and three minutes later, Hedley got the equaliser. Grimwood headed a ball on to the cross-bar a minute later and before the end had worked his way through three men for a shot when he was brought down heavily, the offender escaping penalty.

It was a splendid game, fought out at a cracking pace throughout. The Borderers were especially well served by Hyman and Harris. Gillett, Cotton, and Dowman especially distinguished themselves for Kowloon.

SOUTH CHINA GO NAP

St. Joseph's Overplayed at Caroline Hill.

South China lacked the services of Fung King-cleung, Ip Pak-wa and Wong Mei-shun, but they were more than a match for St. Joseph's and won comfortably by five clear goals. St. Joseph's were also without valuable players, including Lim, their centre-forward.

Chan Mee-on put South China one up five minutes from the start, and the trend of the game was well established within the first ten minutes. Rocha, the Saints goalkeeper, being the busiest man on the field. Skinner and Follower worked skilfully in the half-back line, but steady pressure had inevitable results. Tam Kong-pak and Chan Yui-tim each netting twice before the end.

Li Tin-sang and Lau Mau covered Pau Ka-ping so well that the South China keeper was seldom troubled.

RECREIO'S SUCCESS.

Fluctuating Fortunes in Game With Argyls.

The Argyls were the more methodical side, but A. Gosano's return to the Recreio attack was well-timed, and the Portuguese obtained a splendid win after being 2-1 down. A Gosano did the hat-trick.

The Recreio led 1-0 at half-time, Gosano netting from an almost impossible angle with a terrific drive close to the interval. It was a lead hardly deserved, the Argyls having enjoyed the bulk of the play. On resumption, the Argyls turned the tables, McKenna (with a header) and MacLachlan scoring in quick time.

Their success was short-lived. After two corners, MacLachlan handed to save a certain goal and Gosano netted from the resultant penalty. He scored again before the end with a typical shot.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football are given below. All are from Reuter excepting the 2nd Division Scottish Division.

First Division.	
Arsenal	1 Newcastle
Birmingham	2 Liverpool
Blackburn	3 Wednesday
Blackpool	3 Grimsby
Derby	4 Huddersfield
Leeds	5 Manchester U.
Leicester	2 Bolton
Manchester C.	3 Aston Villa
Portsmouth	1 Chelsea
Sheffield U.	4 Middlesbrough
Sunderland	6 West Ham
Second Division.	
Barnsley	0 Tottenham
Bristol C.	0 Oldham
Bristol R.	1 Preston N.E.
Bury	2 Reading
Cardiff	4 Burnley
Charlton	1 Notts. Forest
Everton	2 Southampton
Plymouth	2 Wolves
Port Vale	3 Millwall
Swansea	2 Bradford
West Brom.	4 Stoke
Third Division (South).	
Bournemouth	0 Crystal Pal.
Clapton O.	3 Bristol R.
Covey	6 Torquay
Fulham	4 Northampton
Norwich	4 Gillingham
Notts. County	1 Luton
Queen's P.R.	7 Exeter
Swindon	3 Brentford
Thames	3 Newport
Walsall	0 Brighton
Watford	1 Southend
Third Division (North).	
Darlington	2 Tranmere
Doncaster	0 Harrow
Gateshead	3 Chesterfield
Halifax	1 Carlisle
Hartlepool	4 Rochdale
Hull	5 Southport
Lincoln	5 Accrington
Nelson	2 Wrexham
New Brighton	5 York
Stockport	5 Rotherham
Wigan	6 Crewe
Second Division (Scottish).	
Albion	2 Raith Rovers
Arbroath	4 St. Johnstone
Barnsley	3 Montrose
Brechin	4 Stenmuir
Dumbarton	2 Forfar
Dundee U.	4 Arbroath
Dunfermline	2 E. Stirling
King's Park	1 Clydebank
Queen O' Sth.	7 Alloa
St. Bernard	0 Third Lanark

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE CLUB REMAIN UNDEFEATED.

Although the Club won by fourteen points (a goal, two tries and a penalty) to eight points (a goal and a try) against the Services on Saturday afternoon, the Services gave the Club the most keenly contested and hardest game of the season.

It was the penalty goal that sealed the Services' fate: the score was eight points all, it was a question as to which side got the next score to win the game. When the Club had a penalty kick inside the Services' twenty-five, the riddle was solved, and Turner dropped a pretty goal from long distance. A further try, which More had scored in the earlier stages of the first half, put the "rug" on the Club's points, and they ran out winners as stated.

Several hockey matches were played on Saturday, the Y.M.C.A. meeting the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club at King's Park and winning by ten goals to nil. Later, however, the same Y.M.C.A. team engaged a combination from H. M. S. Tamar and lost by five goals to one, the previous match telling greatly on the players.

It would be interesting to know how many of the Argyls team have played steadily in the same position this season. I imagine that the goalkeeper, and possibly Henderson, must be alone in this respect. The whole forward line was reshuffled for this match and more changes will have to be made on the form exhibited, though it must be obvious that it is the failure to give players a real chance that accounts for the Argyls' lapses from their excellent form at the opening of the season. There was nothing brilliant about the team at that time, but it had the quality of teamwork. Saturday's eleven had neither brilliance nor teamwork.

Beltro gave a more than useful exhibition at centre-half for the Recreio and Silver-Netto and Xavier were sound at back. The forwards all played well, gaining much from Gosano's leadership.

R.A. SCORE FIRST.

But Are Well Bitten By the Athletic.

Reed scored a brilliant goal for the Artillery two minutes after the start, but this was the sum total of their success against the Athletic, who won easily though the score was only 4-1 in their favour. One more in the course of the game were the R. A. dangerous. In the opening stages of the second half, they gained the initiative temporarily and had several good scoring chances, all frittered away.

For the rest, the Athletic dominated the exchanges and only a tendency to over-elaborate prevented them from doubling their total. Ho Ka-keung, Li Yee-sum (2) and Sun Kam-shun scored the goals.

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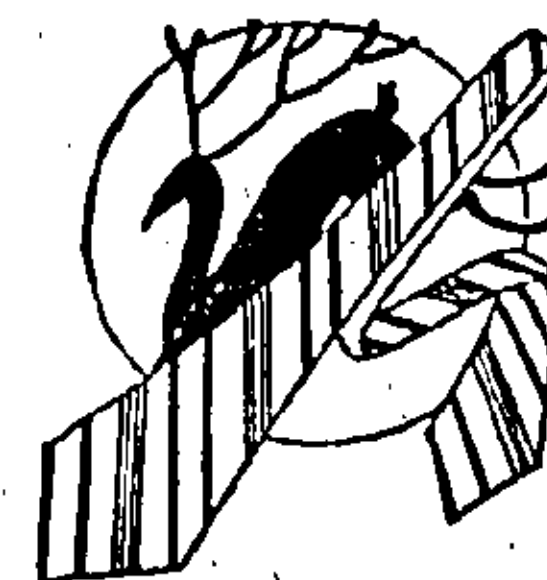
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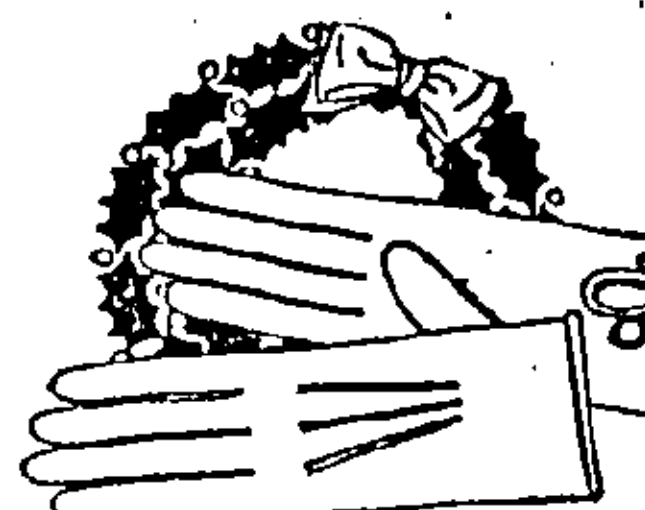
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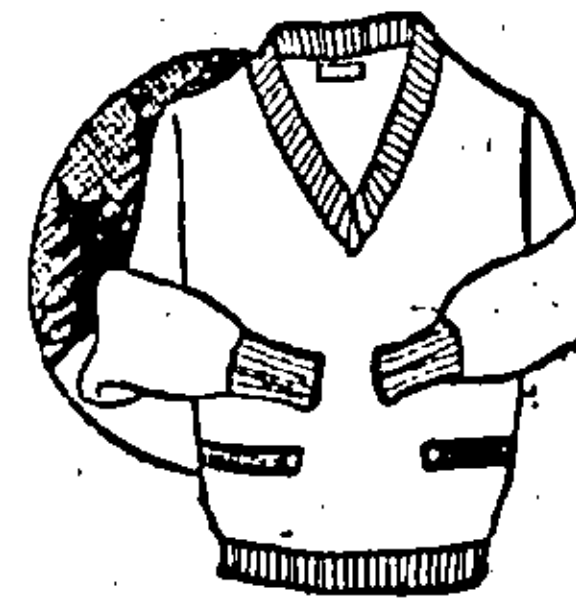
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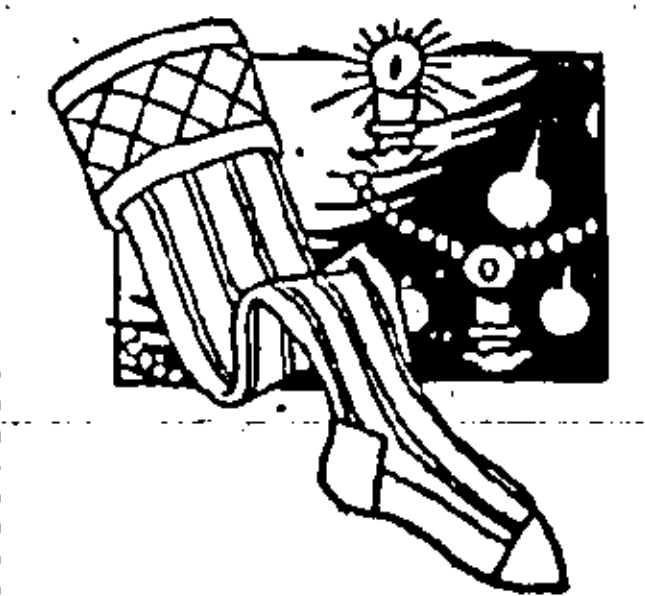
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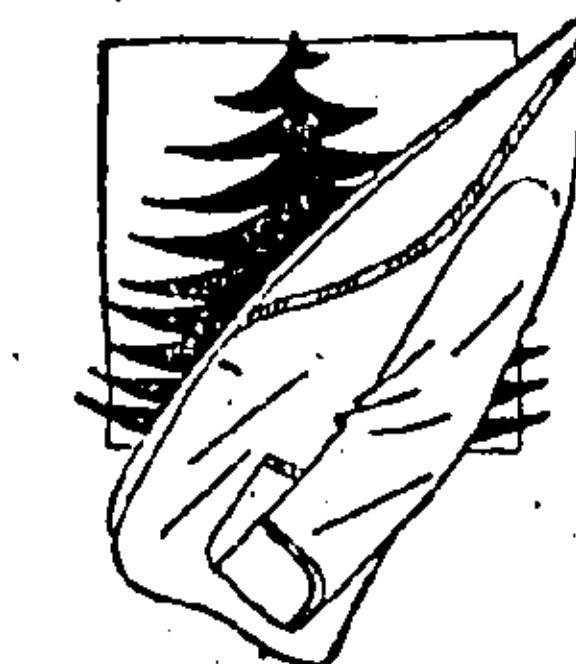


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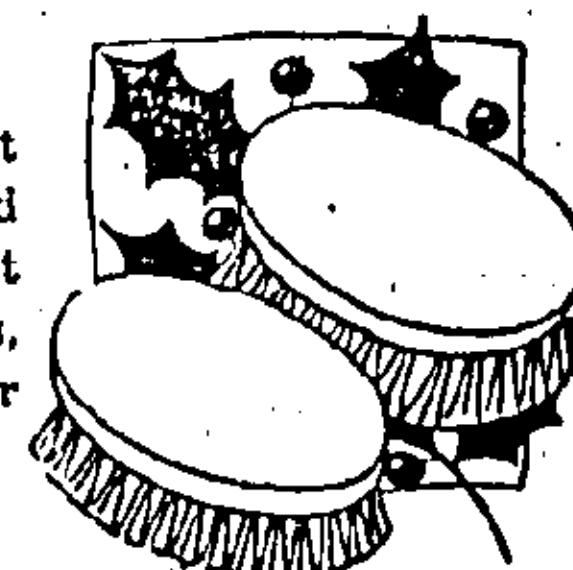
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- A Yard specialising in Motors requires less machinery and equipment than an ordinary shipyard, thus eliminating heavy and expensive plants for the building of boilers and other steam auxiliaries.
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- The amount estimated for preliminary expenses is \$3,000.00.
- The Memorandum of Association of the Company forms part of this Prospectus.
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Dated this 17th day of December, 1930.

NEW VICEROY APPROVED.

LONDON NEWSPAPER
COMMENT.

The appointment of Viscount Willingdon to be Viceroy of India has been received with approval on all sides.

London, Dec. 20.

Ten years ago Lord Willingdon was influentially "tipped" for the position but not appointed. Recently he had been completely forgotten among the innumerable personalities, including Lord Gorell and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, put forth by the newspapers as Lord Irwin's successor.

Great surprise has been occasioned by the news, which, however, in no way mars a unanimous chorus of approval at the appointment, which breaks the tradition that a provincial ex-Governor has never been appointed Viceroy.

Viscount Willingdon has the merit of being removed from political controversy, as twenty years have elapsed since, as Mr. Freeman Thomas, he sat in the House of Commons as a Liberal. Indeed, Lord Willingdon has already received preferments from Conservative, Liberal, and Labour administrations.

The newspapers enumerate Viscount Willingdon's "exceptional qualifications" for the post, when the gravest responsibilities are facing the administrators of India.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that India is receiving a true and understanding friend. No Viceroy ever went to India with a ripper knowledge of the land.

The *Daily Express* says that the appointment marks one of the rare occasions when it is possible to congratulate the Government without reservation.

The *New-Chronicle* congratulates Lord Willingdon upon his public spirit in accepting a post that will impose a great physical and mental strain upon a man of his age; and hopes that when the time comes he will take to India a message of peace and goodwill in the solid terms of a new and generally acceptable constitution.

The *Times* pays tribute to Lord Willingdon's charm, tact, and freedom from pedantry, and says that he will certainly be welcomed by hosts of old friends in every part of India.

Indian Rulers Pleased.

There were characteristic expressions by Indian delegates to the Round Table Conference. The Maharajah of Nawanagar said: "The appointment could not be bettered." Sir Abdul Karim Khan (North-west Frontier), thought the appointment "excellent." Sir Akbar Hydari said: "It will be most welcome in India."

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad (Liberal), added that "Lord Willingdon has made friends everywhere." Mr. Shivarao (Madras Labour Union) said "Lord Willingdon worked the Montague reforms in a liberal spirit," and Mr. H. P. Moty (President of the Millowners' Association) thought "the appointment as good as any."

The Conference.

In the meantime, the *Daily Herald* takes stock of the Round Table Conference, on the eve of the Christmas Recess, and regrets that progress has been less rapid than was hoped after the inspiration of the first general debate. This it considers mainly due to the failure of Hindus and Moslems to reach an agreement, as an essential forerunner to tackling the big central questions.

The *Herald* says that for the success of the Conference India must prove herself a nation, and not a jumble of warring creeds. It hopes the recess will provide a fruitful time for thoughtful reflection among Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs.—*Reuter*.

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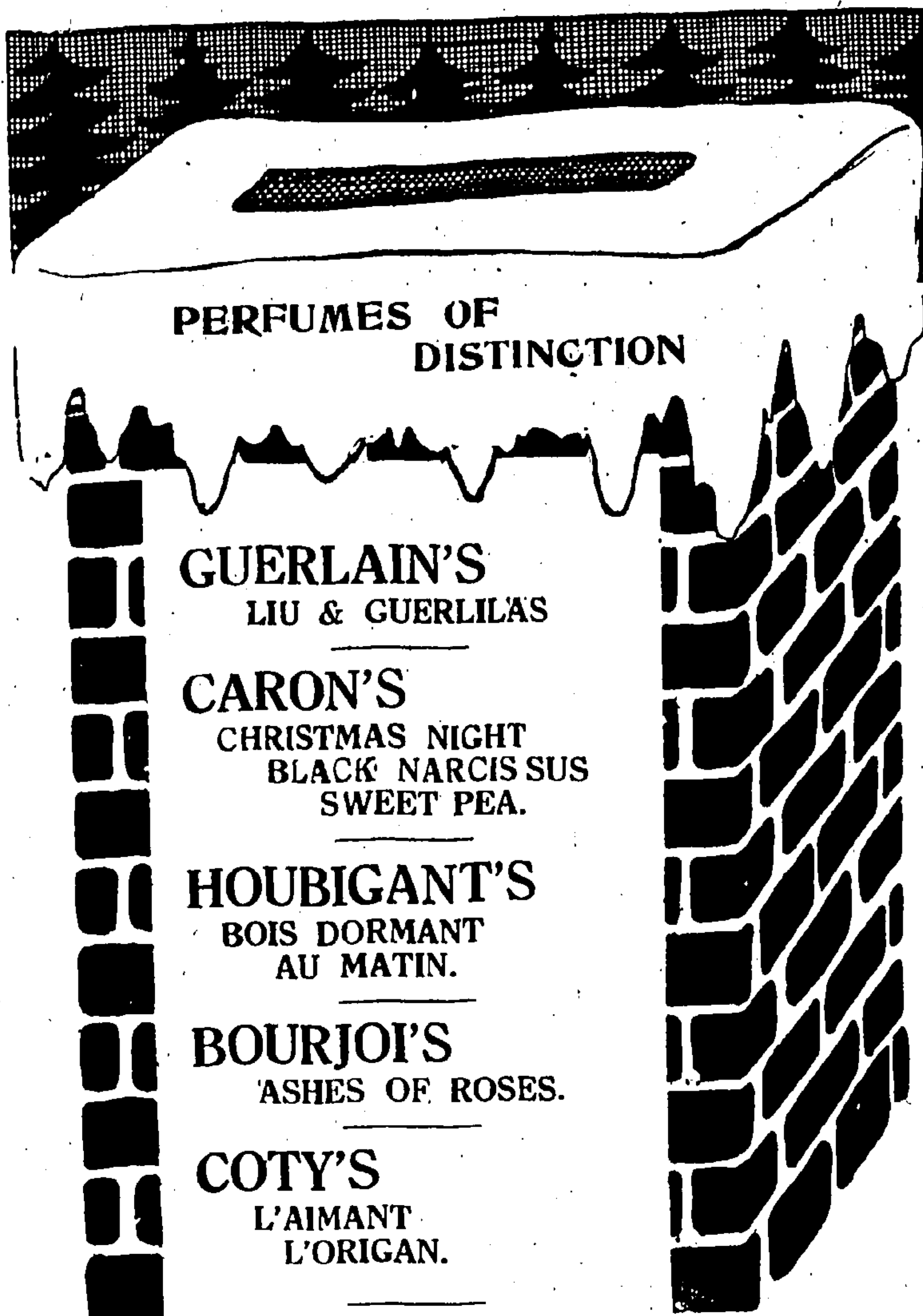
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TRADES UNION BILL.

A BIG BATTLE NEXT SESSION.

London, Dec. 20.
A Herculean battle awaits members of the House of Commons after the Recess over "the Challenge to the State," as the Opposition indignantly describes the Trade Union Bill, whilst intimating the intention to fight the measure line by line. Added to this, numerous Liberals definitely indicate their refusal to swallow some of the unpalatable clauses, even with the "jam" provided by promises of electoral reform.

The Bill is at present undergoing a microscopic examination by specially formed Conservative and Liberal committees, who have lawyers to elucidate all "ambiguities." The Liberal Committee will report on January 20, when a decision will be taken whether to support the second reading, and to seek amendments at the committee stage, or to oppose the Bill throughout.

The crucial point will be the clause regarding "contracting out," to which Liberals are strongly opposed. The Government is expected, however, to take a cautious line by sending the Bill to the Standing Committee, thereby prolonging the legislative process, but increasing the Government's safety, as in the event of defeat of the Committee the Government will not be compelled to resign.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Tuesday, 16th December.—Lady Peel, accompanied by Mr. G. W. A. Tufton (Private Secretary), attended the opening of the new wings of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, where she was received by the Directors.

Captain T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., represented His Excellency the Governor at the funeral of Dr. G. Y. Wang, Professor of Pathology, Hong-kong University.

The following dined at Government House.—The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Cressy, Mrs. Mackie, Mr. Hornell, Dr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Heard, Mr. Stanton, Miss Mackie, Miss Hallifax, Miss Eame Scott Harston and Miss Pamela Scott Harston.

Thursday, 18th December.—Vice-Admiral B. Herr, Commander in Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, accompanied by M. de la Prade, Consul General for France, and Flag Lieutenant Victor Duray, paid an informal call on His Excellency the Governor.

Lady Peel, accompanied by Mr. G. W. A. Tufton (Private Secretary), attended the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Grayburn at the Peak Club.

Saturday, 20th December.—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel moved to Mountain Lodge.

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STEAMER SINKS IN NORTH SEA.

FAMOUS CRICKETER AMONG THE MISSING.

CAPTAIN'S RESCUE.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20. Thirty to forty passengers are missing, including the cricketer, J. W. H. T. Douglas and his father, after the sinking of the Finnish steamer Oberon within three minutes of a collision in the Kattegat late at night with the Finnish steamer Arcturus.

Several steamers are standing by.

Thirty-six persons have been rescued up to the present. Most of Crew Saved.

There were twenty-one passengers aboard the Oberon, of whom so far as is known four English, (three women and one man), were saved.

The crew numbered 63, including women, and 32 were saved, including the Captain and Officers. The Arcturus had 21 passengers, none of whom was British. Four of Crew Picked Up.

Later.

The Scottish steamer Hengest has arrived with four more survivors from the Oberon. They are members of the crew, who jumped into the sea after the collision and happened to find an empty lifeboat which the Hengest subsequently picked up.

The total number of survivors is now 40.

Seventeen of the ship's passengers, 14 adults and three children, are missing still, including the two Douglas (father and son) and the British passengers Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Williams and her child, and Mrs. Ernest Martin. The four seamen picked up by the Hengest state that the collision occurred at 9.30 p.m. and that the Oberon was holed amidships. The captain immediately ordered the boats lowered and lifebelts issued, but everything happened so quickly that only two out of the eight lifeboats could be unfurnished before the ship sank. Nobody got into the boats from the ship itself.

Captain's Wife Drowned. As the ship sank Captain Erik Hjelt jumped into the sea with his wife and little child. His wife was drowned, but the Captain managed to swim with his child until picked up by the Arcturus, when the child was found to have died from the cold to which it had been exposed.

The Danish ship Garm picked up two of the missing women members of the crew and transferred them to the Arcturus.

Like Rats in Trap. Helsingfors, Dec. 20. The owners of the Oberon and Arcturus have received a message from the Captain of the Arcturus stating that the Oberon sank with three minutes. At the time of the collision most of the passengers were asleep in their cabins and had no chance to escape owing to the ship's heavy list to starboard, which was as much as 80 degrees.

All the lights went out immediately after the collision. The

captain immediately closed the watertight bulkheads but it is uncertain whether they functioned. —Reuter.

-SURVIVORS' STORIES.

Appalling Predicament of Struggling Swimmers.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21. The disaster to the Oberon was so swift, according to survivors on board the Arcturus, which has just arrived with gaping sides, that the heavy-hearted Captain on the bridge is scarcely aware of what has happened.

Ernest Martin, one of the British survivors, relates that a party, including Mr. Douglas and his son, were chatting in the smokeroom at half past nine on Friday night. The weather outside was foggy. Suddenly the shrieking of sirens was heard and then followed a terrible crash, which sent Mr. Douglas, Sr., plunging below to secure lifebelts. Mr. Douglas Jr., taking in the situation at a glance, rushed downstairs to bring his father up to the deck.

Immediately afterwards the ship lurched and Mr. Martin was thrown into the water and did not again see either of the Douglases or his wife who was downstairs.

Other survivors recount the appalling predicament of the passengers struggling in the sea amid flaming oil belched forth from the stricken vessel. Another steamer nearby was compelled to stop her engines for fear her propellers should massacre the swimming passengers and crew, and was therefore compelled to restrict her efforts to helping other vessels by means of torches.

Brothers Meet.

A poignant moment on board the Arcturus was when Captain Ose Hjelt helped to drag in a man clutching his frozen daughter. The man was his own brother, Erik Hjelt, the Captain of the Oberon.

Tributes are paid to the British passenger, Mr. Vickers who sprang overboard to rescue a comrade, Mrs. Williams. His attempt was fruitless and both were drowned.

From Stockholm broadcast messages have been sent out appealing to coastal inhabitants to look out for possible survivors clinging to buoys and wreckage, but it is feared that it is hopeless. —Reuter.

THE TWO DOUGLASES.

Son the Famous Cricketer.

London, Dec. 20. The cricketer, J. W. H. T. Douglas, who is feared to have perished in the collision, was returning with his father from Finland, where they had been on a business trip as timber merchants.

A Test Cricketer.

Born at Felsted on September 3, 1882, J. W. H. T. Douglas has won the most coveted honour that a cricketer has to win and that of leading a Test team. The captaincy of an English eleven was conferred on him in 1920-21, the first series of Test matches after the War but he lost all five games although the team when it sailed from England in the autumn of 1920 seemed to many judges of the game exceptionally strong in batting. The annihilation of Douglas's host by that of W. W. Armstrong gave England strong reason to think that county cricket there was no longer to be taken as a safe guide to Test ability.

He first appeared in Test matches in Australia in the 1911-12 series, playing in all five games.

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He next went to Australia as captain of the 1920-21 team and also appeared the following year in England. His last match against Australia was in 1924-25 when he appeared only in the game in Melbourne. In a Test match at Melbourne against South Africa Douglas scored 119 runs in 1913-14 but except for this score he has never reached three figures in international cricket.

Altogether Douglas batted in 28 Test innings for a total of 636 runs at an average of 26.76, his highest score being 75. He bowled 2,318 balls and gave away 1,227 runs for 35 wickets, giving him an average of 35.05.

Douglas captained Essex for many years with ability and enthusiasm, but was succeeded in 1929 by H. M. Morris.

Douglas had many noteworthy feats to his credit in County cricket and on five occasions he performed the double of scoring 1,000 runs and taking 100 wickets in the same season. His best year as a batsman was 1921 when he made 1,547 runs and took 130 wickets while his best season as a bowler was in 1930, when he captured 147 wickets and scored 1,328 runs.

In 1914 he scored 1,288 runs and took 138 wickets, in 1919 he made 1,178 and had 136 victims while in 1923 he totalled 1,110 runs and 146 wickets. He was honoured by Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack in 1915 when his portrait appeared as one of five leading players of the year. His companions were P. G. H. Fender (Surrey), H. T. W. Hardinge (Kent), D. J. Knight, (Oxford and Surrey) and S. G. Smith (West Indies and later of Northampton).

Mr. Douglas was also well-known as a boxing referee, functioning at the National Sporting Club.

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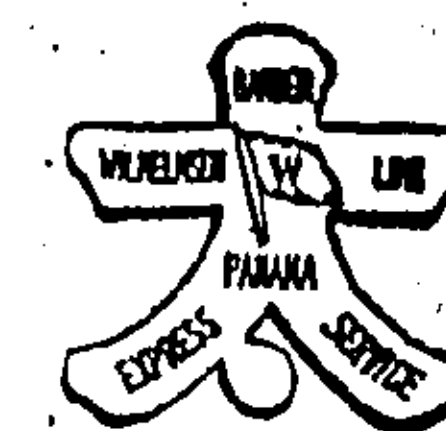
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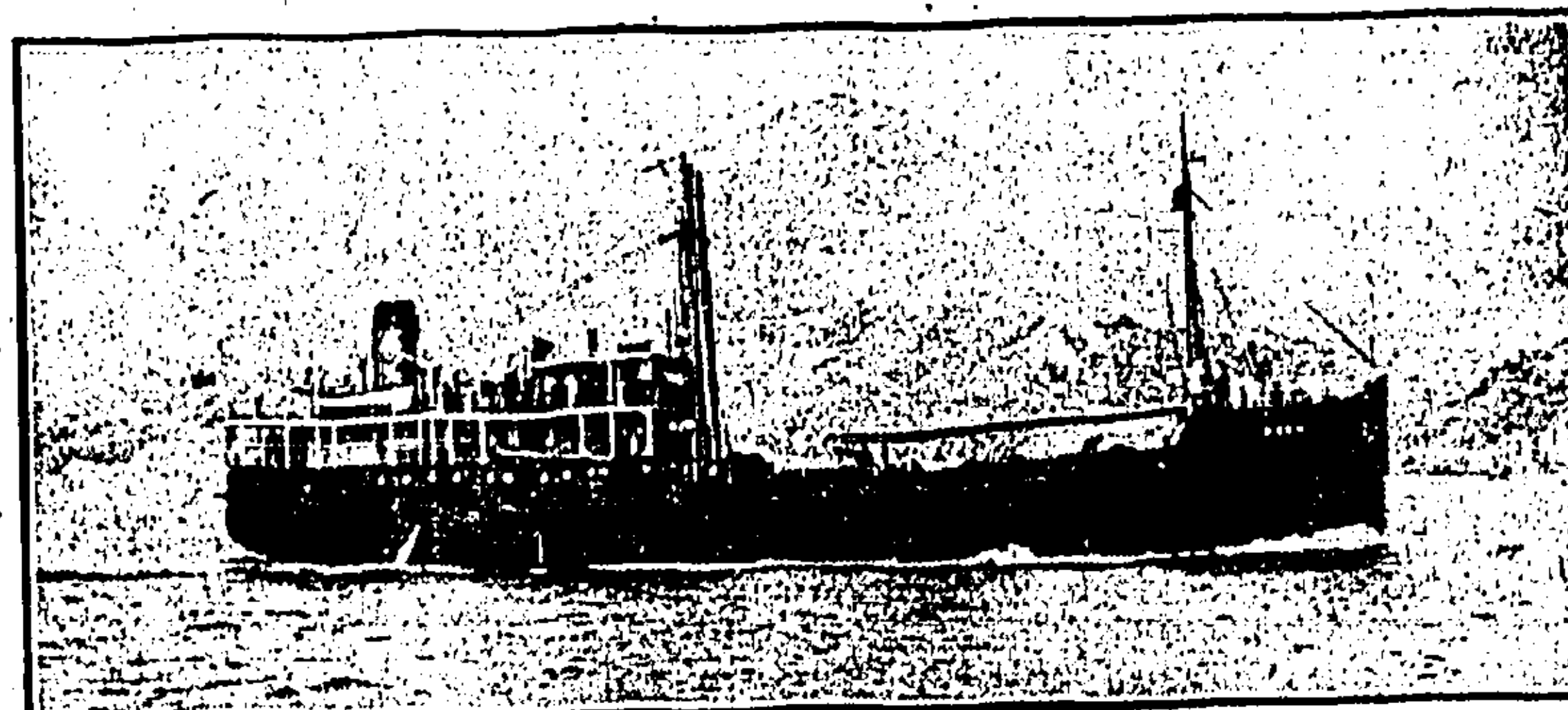
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Viscount Cecil, in an appeal for disarmament, issued through the League of Nations Union, says 1931 promises to be a critical year for the League, "for it will depend upon the movements of public opinion during that year whether the first World Disarmament Conference, which will probably be held at the beginning of 1932, is to be a farce or a reality."
"Unless that Conference results in a Treaty which will stop competition in all forms of armaments, subjects them to effective limitation, and brings about such substantial reductions as were clearly intended by Article 8 of the Covenant and anticipated by the defeated Powers at Versailles from the promises made to them by the Allies, the whole edifice of international peace will be shaken."
Referring to the draft Treaty, Lord Cecil says it is not perfect, but it can be the basis of an effective Disarmament Treaty. "It will," he says, "be of the utmost value if, in the intervening period, public opinion can be aroused, informed and convinced of the need of all-round reduction, so that it will require Governments to propose the lowest possible figures for insertion in the Treaty at that Conference."—British Wireless.

AVALANCHE OF QUESTIONS.

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age. The point I would like to make is that a great deal of economy might be effected in the interests of the Colony, were a greater number of men obtained locally for doing the class of work that is being done by officers who have to be employed and given these allowances to study the Chinese language. In reply to a question I raised in connexion with the Budget, I think His Excellency made a statement that this question of employing more local hands was being gone into. I think it could be an advantage to this Committee if some assurance could be obtained from you, Sir, that a very strong endeavour is being made to substitute officers who can be easily and economically engaged locally.

Retrenchment Reference.

The Chairman:—This matter is one of the distinct terms of reference of the Retrenchment Committee, and we have to await their report.

Hon. Mr. Paterson:—It is one which the Retrenchment Committee is examining and we are considering whether something of the sort in certain directions can be done.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—I am happy to know that something is being done in this direction, because a good deal of economy can be effected both in expenses of language and also by means of travelling allowance privileges by employing local candidates.

The Chairman:—The matter is being carefully examined from your point of view.

The vote was approved.

Manner of Road Estimates.

Item 175, Public Works Extraordinary. Road Connecting Garden Road and Bowen Road with May Road, \$30,000.

Hon. Mr. Paterson:—I believe that when an estimate for a road is brought forward to this Committee, it always excludes surfacing and tarmac, or whatever surfacing is to be made. Is that correct?

Director of Public Works:—Yes. Hon. Mr. Paterson:—Would it not be very much better that when an estimate for a road is brought forward the whole of the estimate should be brought up?

The Chairman:—I am in agreement with you.

Director of Public Works:—In this particular case we hoped to surface the road this year and we are going on with the other section of the road connecting Conduit Road. That has not been approved and therefore it is necessary to get this piece tarmacd and so keep it in fair wear and tear during the wet season, otherwise surfacing will have to be done next year as the extensions are carried out.

The Chairman:—Is it not possible, in giving an estimate for a road, to give us the entire estimate, including tarmacd?

Director of Public Works:—This work was done by another department.

Hon. Mr. Paterson:—I realise that, and I have views on it, but they cannot be properly expressed here.

The Chairman:—The Director of Public Works will keep the point in view.

Gas, v. Electricity.

Item 181, Public Works Recurrent, Gas Lighting, \$10,000.

THIEF'S WORK ON MID-LEVELS.

TOUR OF EUROPEAN RESIDENCES.

MUCH OF STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED.

TEN MONTHS IN GAOL.

A series of thefts from the residences of foreigners on the Mid-Levels, was to-day detailed by Acting Detective Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan, when he charged the alleged thief at the Central Court to-day.

On the 16th or 16th instant, a silver cup was stolen from the residence of Mr. De Blere at No. 14, Century Crescent, Kennedy Road. A report being made to the police, the cup was recovered the following day at a pawnshop. The pawnbroker was then instructed by the police to detain the man who pawned the article should he again call at the establishment.

The man (since identified as the accused) called again the following day, when he was detained. In his possession was a suitcase, containing a brass tray and other knick-knacks, including a silver flower vase. These were identified as having been stolen from Mrs. Hughes and from Miss McDickson, the London Mission, of No. 4, Bonham Road.

The prisoner then accompanied the police to a number of other pawnshops, a silver cigarette case being amongst the articles recovered by his means. The cigarette case was associated with a lot of other property, recovered after its disappearance from No. 35, Conduit Road.

Mr. Adler's Coat.

On the 17th instant, continued Sub-Inspector O'Donovan, a report was received that a fur coat and hat had been stolen from the reading room of the Church of Christ Scientist in Kennedy Road. A pawnbroker, in whose establishment the missing articles were subsequently found, identified the accused as being the man who had placed them in pawn. They were the property of Mr. W. H. Adler, who valued the coat at \$20.

"The accused was wearing the hat when he was arrested," said the officer.

Sub-Inspector O'Donovan said the coat was pawned for \$20, and he pointed out the disparity with its cost price. He agreed that it was an article which could have been pawned by any Chinese without giving any particular reason for suspicion.

Nothing was known of the accused except that he travelled a great deal between Hongkong and Canton.

"He seems to have made a hobby of going into houses on the Upper Levels," said the officer. "The total value of the articles in respect of which the accused was charged, was placed at over \$800. On the four different charges, a total of ten months' hard labour was inflicted by Mr. Williams, the accused having pleaded guilty."

THREE CASES OF POISONING.

TWO WOMEN ATTEMPT TO END LIVES.

Over the week-end, three instances of women suffering from poisoning were reported to the police. Two of the sufferers were removed to hospital after having taken an overdose of opium, while the third was stated to have taken a drink of lysol.

A Chinese woman named Wong Yee, aged 40, of 40, High Street, second floor, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of drinking lysol in an attempt to commit suicide at her residence.

From West Point comes a report that a married woman, Sze To-hing, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital by her husband after having taken an overdose of opium. Her condition is not regarded as serious.

An inmate of 137, Temple Street was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital as a result of opium poisoning stated to have been self-administered. She is not in a serious condition.

Hon. Mr. Paterson:—How does gas lighting compare with electricity?

Director of Public Works:—It is slightly cheaper.

Hon. Mr. Paterson:—I should, perhaps, not have asked that question because I am interested, but I did not think of it before I asked it.

Director of Public Works:—The question of cost was taken into very careful consideration and these rates were agreed on as giving the advantage in this case to gas lighting. We have now a satisfactory sliding scale with the Gas Company. The vote was approved.

MOTOR-VAN'S SKID IN THE CITY.

COOLIE INJURED AND TWO RICKSHAS DAMAGED.

CABBAGES AND BOXES.

An alarming skid, extending for yards in a sweeping curve, caused an accident in which two rickshas were damaged and a carrier-coolie was injured, outside the premises of Messrs. Mackintosh and Co. this morning.

The vehicle mainly concerned was a Ford motor-truck laden with empty wooden boxes, travelling at a fair speed along Des-Voeux Road Central, which was naturally very greasy this morning. Opposite Gloucester Building, a skid developed and the truck swerved violently towards the pavement, knocking down a coolie carrying a load of cabbages, and crashing into a line of rickshas.

The coolie's leg was badly hurt and he suffered a severe shock, while his cargo was distributed all over the road, mixed up with numerous boxes which toppled off the van.

Two of the rickshas were smashed to some extent, the damage being chiefly to the handles, which were broken off. The coolies had jumped clear.

CHINA'S SUCCESS IN DIPLOMACY.

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The Protocol regarding America's adherence to the Convention concerning that Court.

Turning to Sino-Soviet questions, Dr. Wang said a Chinese delegate attended at Moscow in May, but there was no conference until October. Russia appeared to have an intention of sowing discord between Nanking and Mukden, but failed. Consequently, a second conference was held on December 4th, and this meeting arranged the appointment of three Committees to consider the C. E. R. dispute. Sino-Russian trade, and the resumption of diplomatic relations, whereupon General Moh Teh-hui, the Chinese delegate, was granted leave to return to China and report personally.

Seven new Consulates had been established this year, said Dr. Wang, and the Government was arranging the establishment of eight more.

Regarding overseas Chinese China was negotiating for greater freedom of Kuomintang activities among them and for the revision of discriminatory legislation.

Dr. Wang commented upon the successful leadership of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and on the co-operation between Nanking and Mukden, and paid a tribute to the friendly Powers, particularly Great Britain.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC & CAROLS.

AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL TO-MORROW.

To-morrow evening at 5.45 p.m., the choir of the Hongkong University Christian Association, assisted by Mrs. Snowden Jones, is to give a recital of Christmas music and carols in St. John's Cathedral, with Mr. F. Mason at the organ. The programme is as follows:

- 1.—The First, Novell, Verses 1, 2, 4 and 6.
- 2.—(a) Bethlehem Down, Victor Warlock.
(b) Now Every Child, Harry Farjeon.
- 3.—(a) Sweet Dreams, Vaughan Williams.
(b) Withers' Rocking Hymn, John Ireland.
- 4.—Organ Solo, "The Holy Boy," John Ireland.
- 5.—The Holly and the Ivy, Martin Shaw.
- 6.—A Virgin Unspotted (Carol No. 1), Verses 1, 5, 6 and 8.
- 7.—Soprano Solo, "Rejoice Greatly," Handel.
(Messiah), "And the Glory of the Lord" (Messiah), Handel.
- 8.—Lullay my Liking, Gustav Holst.
- 9.—O Come, All Ye Faithful, (Hymns A. & M. No. 59).
- 10.—O Come, All Ye Faithful, (Hymns A. & M. No. 59).

During the service, a collection is to be taken for the Organ Fund.

SUGAR MARKETS.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets on Saturday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:—

London Terminals.
Market stagnant, awaiting further news regarding possibility of international co-operation.

New York Terminals.
March 1931 1.25 down 3 pts.
May 1931 1.32 down 4 pts.
July 1931 1.40 down 3 pts.
September 1931 1.48 down 3 pts.
December 1930 1.12 down 2 pts.
Samarang 20/12/30.—Trust sold further 30,000 tons Whites at \$8.00. Bids must be submitted daily for the present.
Hongkong 20/12/30.—Tendency easier, buyers having withdrawn.

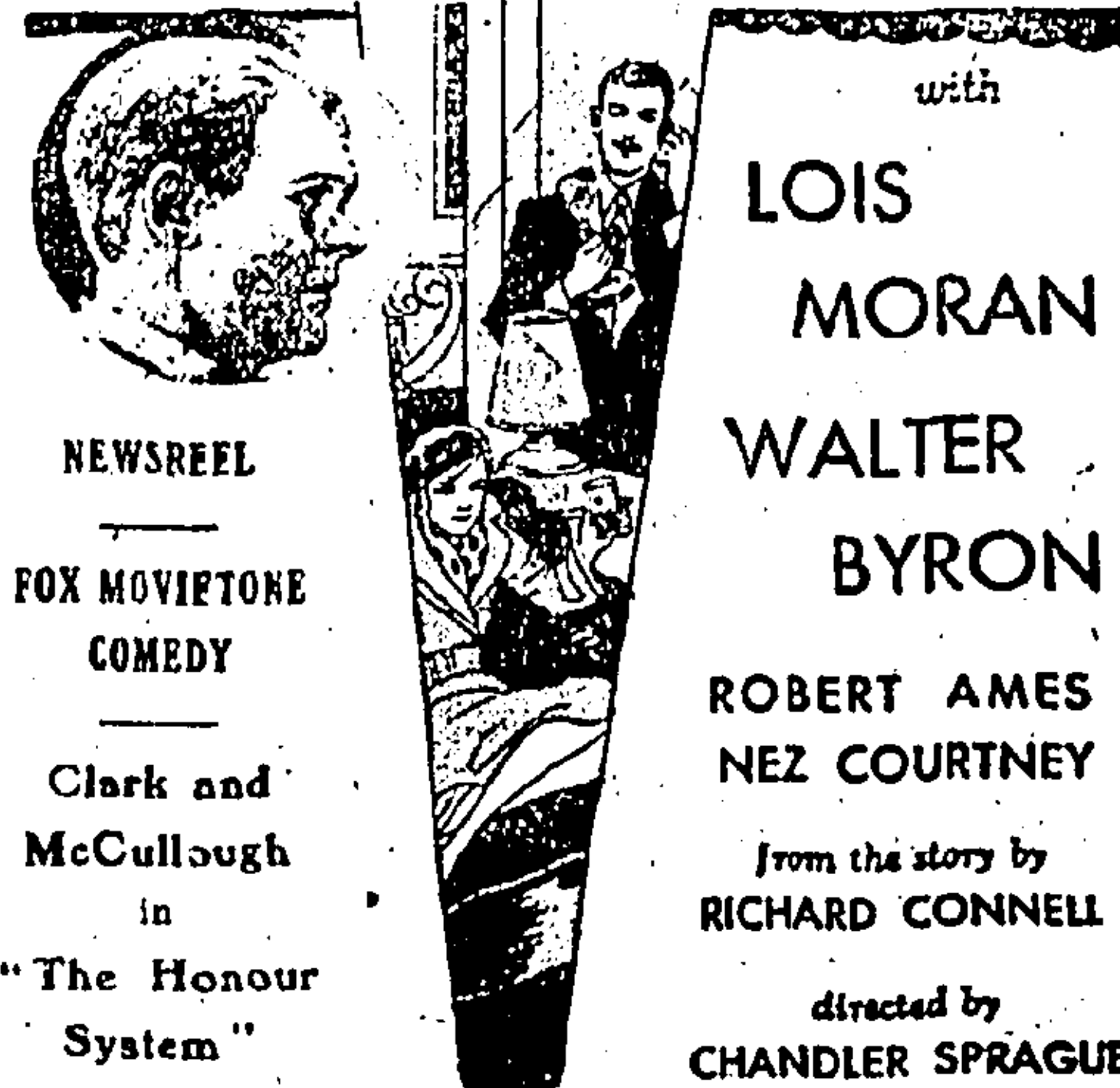
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Cliff Edwards
Story by Al Ruskoff and Victor Kopp
Screenplay by Al Ruskoff and Victor Kopp
Directed by Al Ruskoff